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The Deutsches Amt fuer Material und Warenpruefung (DAMW)¹, which is headed by
 Dipl. Ing. Hasfelle (fmr), maintained several testing stations in East Germany.
 These stations had the task of examining the quality of all East German pro-
 ducts. In April 1953, however, the testing stations were to be dissolved.
 From April on the VEB's and other industries were to be responsible for the
 quality of their products. The industries were to do the testing in their
 own factory laboratories, and the DAMW was to have the task of supervising the
 testing equipment of the industries and the tests performed by the industries.
 This new regulation was allegedly caused by the fact that the testing stations
 used up large sums of money which can no longer be made available.

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